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## **Increasing the Competition on Reserve for Balancing Wind Power with the help of Ensemble Forecasts**

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Systems as well as on Transmission Networks for Offshore Wind Power Plants to  
be held in Aarhus, Denmark  
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Including physical Uncertainty from Ensembles

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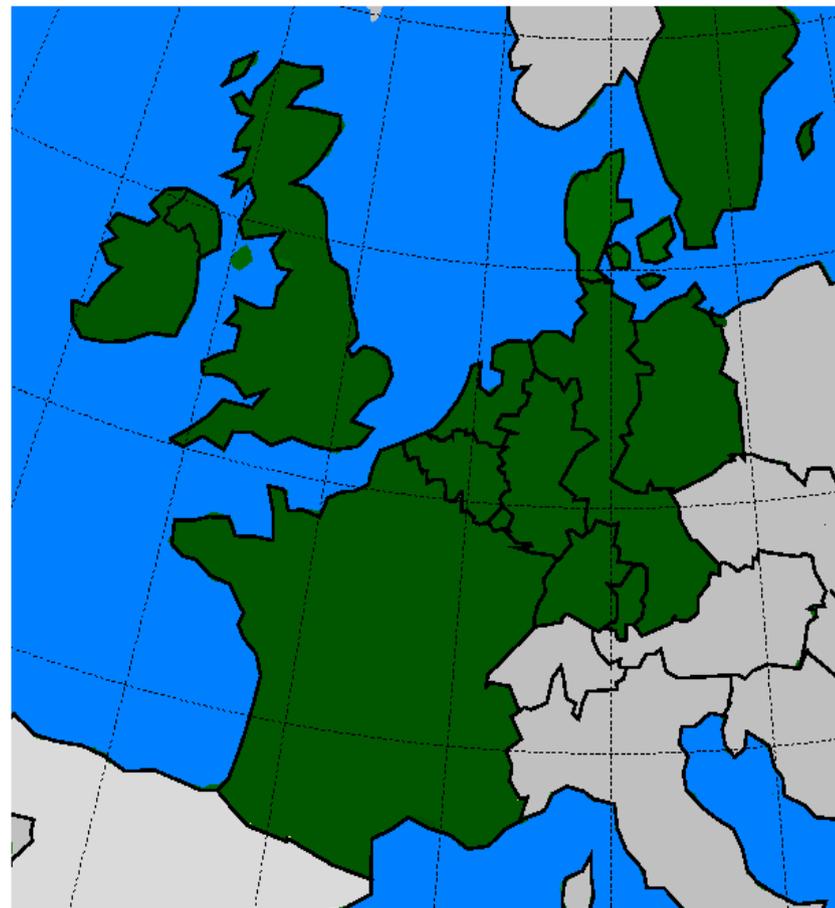
# DEWEPS SuperGrid Study

## Study 2010: „SuperGrid“ Simulations

- => countries with similar weather influences
- => Offshore wind power will connect these Countries even more

### **MAIN RESULTS**

- => Permanently ca. 600-700MW less day ahead forecast error on wind power with an extended area in comparison to the individual countries
- => Remaining Question: This result is encouraging, but can we confirm the results in a study with more precise standing data and actual generation ?



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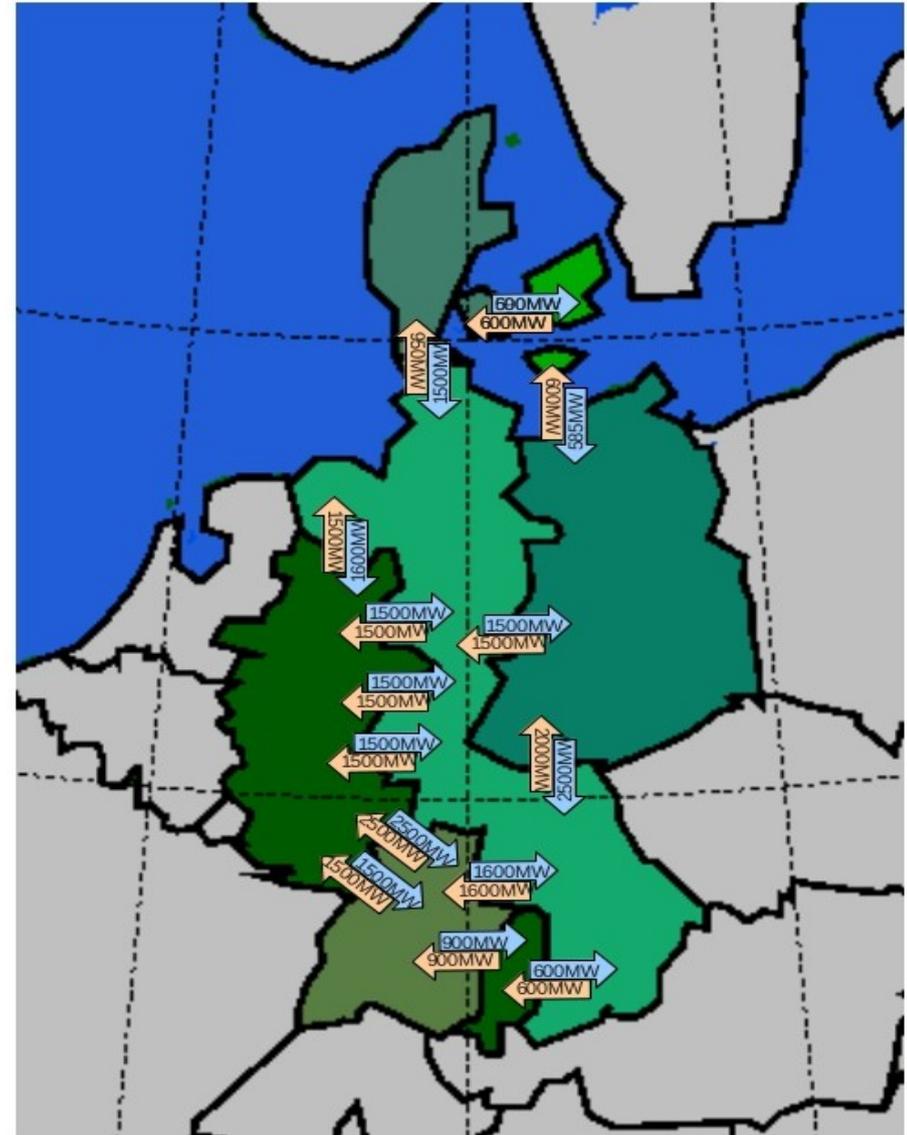
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# A reduced problem size: simulation of cross-border balancing of aggregated Danish and German wind power

Demonstration targets:

- 1. Verification of benefits of area aggregation with “real data”**  
 Quantification using actual standing data and published on-line generation
- 2. Verification of a new short-term forecast technique using objective uncertainty**  
 Effective pre-balancing wind power on the 2-hour horizon using the intraday market with a minimal of “double trading”
- 3. Introduction of a *conditional bidding scheme* as second spot market auction**  
 Scheme is designed for maximum competition also during congestion
- 4. Dynamic reserve allocation**  
 Estimate the potential reserve reduction for a large dispersed pool of wind power



## What is the impact of an enlarged Aggregation Area of wind power?

1. **Better frequency distribution** of generation and correlation to demand
2. **Less variable generation** (+ forecast), which is easier to manage in the intraday market
3. **Less price volatility**, less start/stop on scheduled generation, lower marginal costs
4. **Smaller forecast errors** in the day-ahead and intra-day market
5. **Part of the forecast error will be hidden** and balanced inside the enlarged area

## Assumptions in the *cross-border-balancing* study

1. The **capacity** of the forecasts were **kept constant** over the year and set as of Jan 2011. Hornsrev 2 offshore farm was added 1. Oct. 2010
2. Public **measurements were scaled to Jan 2011 level** with some approximations on DK1 because of strong impact of Hornsrev 2.
3. **Public upscaled measurements** were treated as **“true values”**
4. **Artificial upscaled “online” measurements** for short-term forecasts were generated from public measurements by adding 2 different random error contributions (0.77% and 0.5% of inst. capacity) and taking the average of these
5. **Denmark and Germany are one price area** – no flow to SE and NO – and interconnectors are available for balancing forecast errors

# Data used for the *cross-border-balancing study*

**Measurements:** July 2010 – June 2011

Denmark: DK1 + DK2 public measurements from Energinet.dk

Germany: published at the websites of the 4 TSOs

**Experiment setup:** 6 areas ( 2 Denmark, 4 Germany)

Capacity: 32GW

Online Measurement capacity: ca. 5GW

Geographic area: 1200 x 600 km

## **Forecasts**

Day-ahead forecasts (**DFC**), raw intra-day forecast updates (**rSFC**):

75 weather forecasts from WEPROG's MSEPS low resolution model system

Short-term forecasts with measurement influence (**SFC**):

WEPROG's inverted Ensemble Kalman Filter (iEnKF)

## **Inter-connector size, position and flow:**

Public data from the TSO's (e.g. Transmission measurements for the DE-DK interconnectors from Energinet.dk, Regionenmodell "Stromtransport 2013" from German TSO's)

# Determining Forecast Uncertainty

The forecast uncertainty is a crucial part for system area imbalance exchange

1. Step: Compute the **average error** of the uncorrected short-term Forecast  

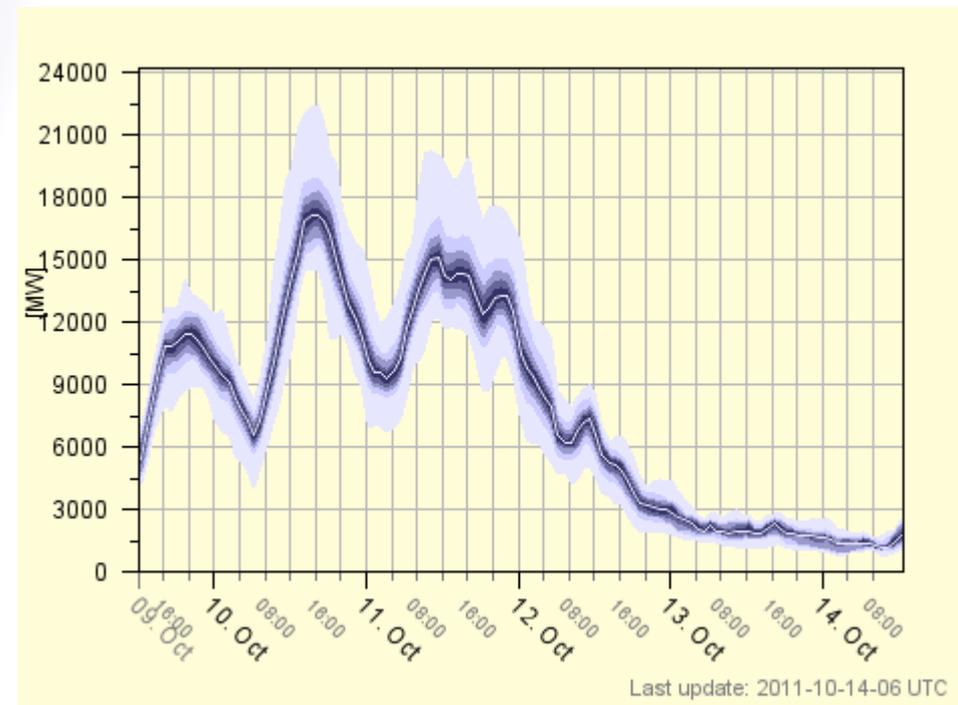
$$EA = 1/N \sum (SFC - OBS)$$
2. Step: Compute the Ensemble Spread (ESP) and the Correlation (ESP,FC\_ERR)
3. Define the Pool Forecast Uncertainty PFU
  - a) **weather unrelated uncertainty** (e.g. turbine conditions, availability, etc.)
  - b) **weather related uncertainty** (best modelled with an Ensemble)

$$PFU = \underbrace{C \cdot F_{ESP}}_{\text{Weather related uncertainty}} + \underbrace{(1-C) \cdot EA}_{\text{weather unrelated uncertainty}}$$

$$F_{ESP} = ESP \cdot EA/ESPM = \text{scaling factor for percentile difference historic/real-time}$$

ESP=real-time Ensemble Spread  
 ESPM=mean of ESP over 1 year

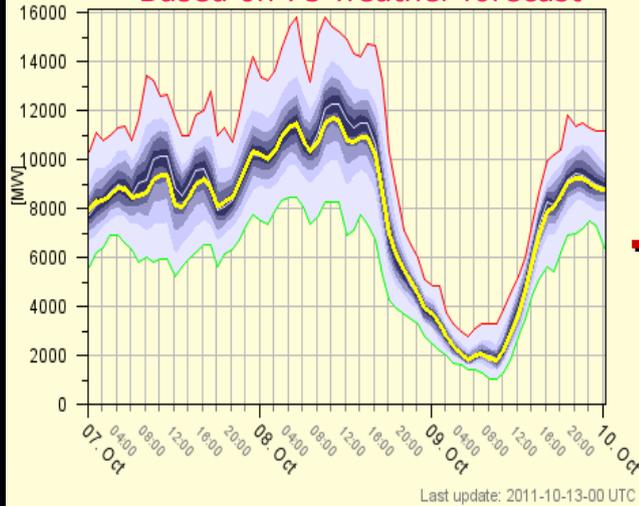
C= correlation of ensemble spread ESP and FC Error



# Examples Forecasts

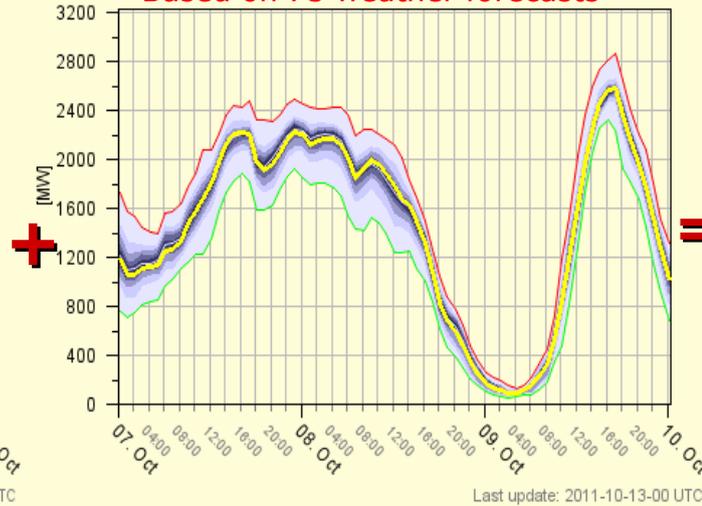
Wind DE

Based on 75 weather forecast

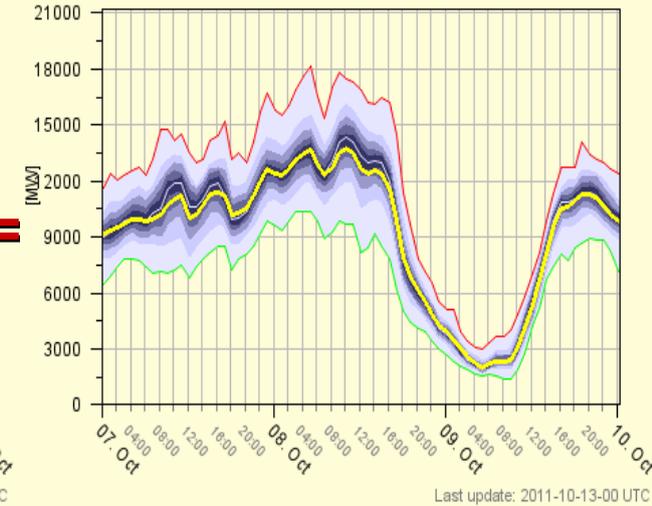


Wind DK

Based on 75 weather forecasts



DE+DK Pool



- => computation of the entire DE+DK Pool to take advantage of smoothing effects
- => Uncertainty computations are nearly always better on the total pool:

**„spread(DE) + spread(DK) >= spread(DK+DE)“**

# Intra-day forecasting strategy

Expected Balance:  
 $EB = SFC - DFC$

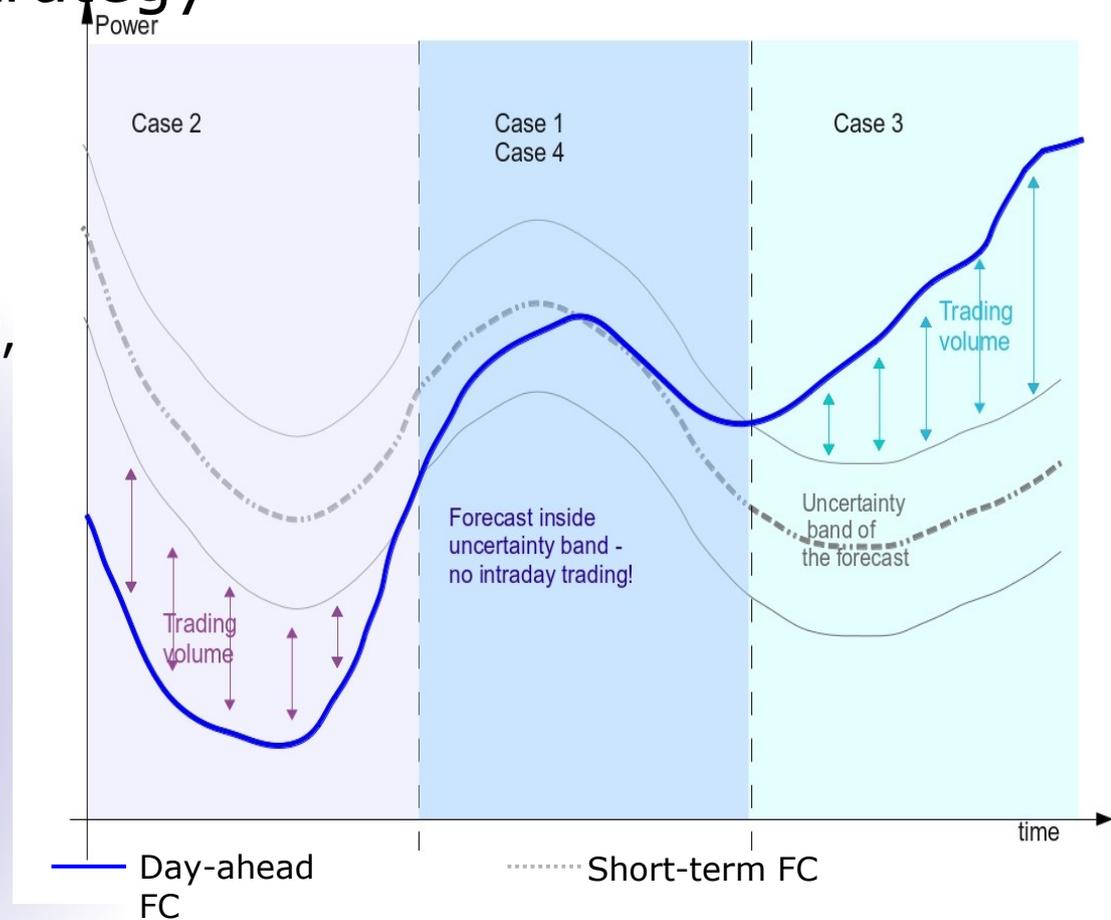
where SFC is short-term forecast,  
 DFC is the Day-ahead Forecast

Absolute Balance:  
 $AB = |SFC - DFC| - PFU$

where PFU is the  
 “power forecast uncertainty”

Computation of the balancing  
 volume for the Foreground  
Generation Correction Forecast:

$$FGCF = a * SFC + b * PFU - c * DFC$$



CASE	EB	AB	FUP	a,b,c
1	<0	<0	DFC	0,0,0
2	>=0	>0	SFC-PFU	1,-1,1
3	<0	>0	SFC+PFU	1,1,1
4	>=0	<0	DFC	0,0,0

# Statistical results from a one year cross-border-balancing simulation

**RMSE**

Area	DFC [%inst.cap]	rSFC [%inst.cap]	SFC [%inst.cap]	Persistence [%inst.cap]	SFC + PFU [%inst.cap]	Hidden Error [%inst.cap]
DK1	7.98	5.74	5.39	5.35	-	7.19
DK2	10.75	7.87	7.73	7.23	-	9.59
DE_50H	6.51	4.89	3.91	4.32	-	3.57
DE_TTG	5.97	4.49	3.69	4.00	-	3.13
DE_AMP	5.54	4.33	3.98	4.35	-	4.77
DE_ENBW	5.14	4.60	4.67	3.81	-	6.29
DE	4.96	3.54	2.53	3.28	-	0.95
DK+DE	4.79	3.39	<b>2.29</b>	3.13	<b>3.69</b>	0
Imbalance Reduction in [MW]	704	622	787			

- Permanent lower imbalances in DK and DE from extension
- largest improvement from extension of area at the SFC  
=>considerable part of error lies in online estimation ?!
- RMSE above 4% only 0.6% of time, RMSE < 2% found in 92% of time  
=> 50% errors < 2% help the system!
- $RMSE(DFC, OBS) - RMSE(SFC, OBS) = 2.5\%$ , but  $RMSE(DFC, SFC)$  is 3.79%  
==> **1.29%** are corrections in the wrong direction that impose unnecessary costs with permanent trading with SFC !

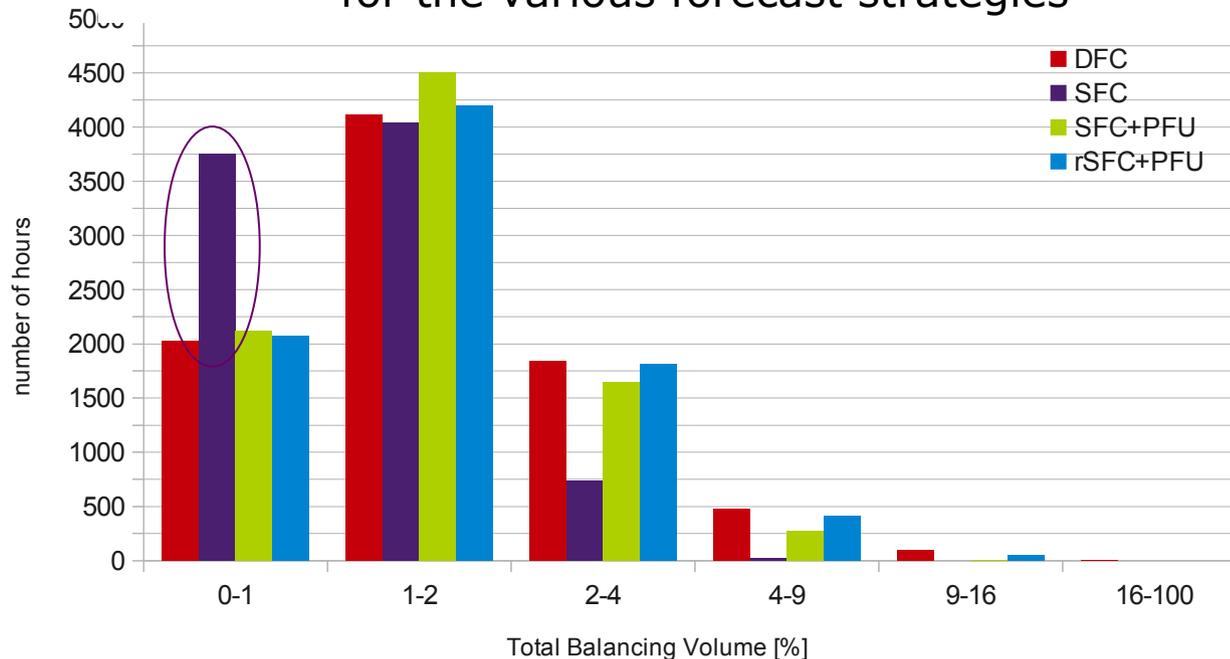
# Effective Balancing Volume and Error Distribution

Forecast type / Unit [%inst. Cap]	Intra-day Trading	% of time with small errors	Effective Volume *	Double Trading
Upscaled Obs	0.00	100	0.00	0.00
SFC	2.56	91	3.51	0.82*
SFC+PFU	0.61	77	2.69	0.03
DFC	0.00	71	2.70	0.00
rSFC	2.20	81	3.99	1.30
rSFC+PFU	0.22	73	2.70	0.02

\*Effective Trading Volume= the Volume that is effectively traded at the market, which is the average of 2 Upscaling simulations minus 50% of the small errors.

\* MAE equivalent to 1.29% RMSE

Frequency distribution of the total balancing volume for the various forecast strategies



**Note:** the SFC has disappointing many hours in the 1-2% bin, considering that a correction to DFC is applied every hour!

# Dynamic Reserve Prediction

## PREDICTABILITY OF ERRORS

**predictability of errors = correlation (MAE, Ensemble Spread)**

- Predictability of **SFC** error **day-ahead** is 0.43
  - => although SFC is stirred by not yet known measurements, almost half of the error is predictable one day in advance
  - => provides savings, if used to pre-allocate reserves day-ahead!
  - => will be important, if wind power error reaches reserve limit
- Predictability of **SFC 2h in advance** only increases to 0.53 (+10%)
  - => 0.47 is random uncertainty, not weather related !



Simulation of a **Conditional Bidding Scheme** used to maximise competition on Intra-day trading and Reserve

Results from **50 hours full import** and **50 hours full export**:

=> error increase by choosing **upper/lower** band in times of congestion risk:  
0.02% of capacity averaged over 1 year  
or  
1.75% of capacity during 100 hours of extreme conditions

**Proposed Strategy for the market:**

**Price takers** can add an **upper and lower band** in volume to the spot market bid

The market operator performs a *second iteration in the event of*

- A) **full import** -> the **lower band** is applied
- B) **full export** -> the **upper band** is applied

**Benefits:**

- => cost effective and fair solution to maximize competition
- => leads to improved total large scale system balance with a fair and simple extension to the price and flow calculations

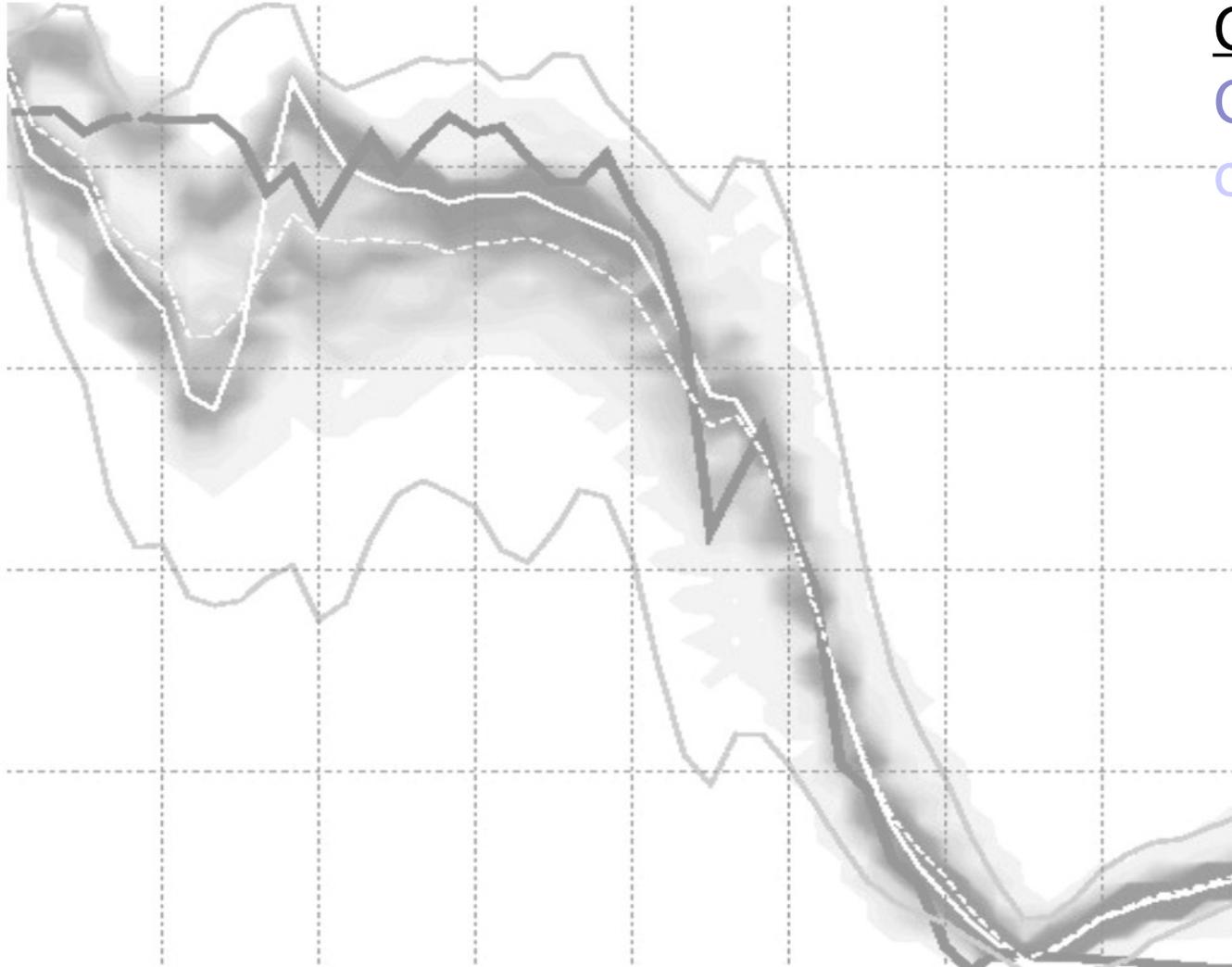
# Summary of the main results from the *cross-border-balancing* study

- **too much erroneous volume traded, if all differences** between DFC and SFC **are traded** in the intra-day market
- both „**pool forecast uncertainty**“ forecasts only **correct for the large errors** of the Day-ahead forecast → **NO double trading !**
- The SFC+PFU forecast gains from the fact that **a large amount of the small errors help the total system** and hence reduce costs!
- “**Conditional Bidding Scheme**” can be used to **pre-allocate** interconnector **capacity day-head** and thereby increase competition

**By applying uncertainty based forecasting tools both DK + DE benefit from cross-border balancing of wind power:**

- **reduced errors**
- **higher system security**
- **lower prices**

# Thank you for your attention !



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